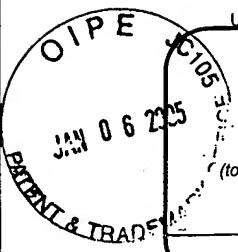


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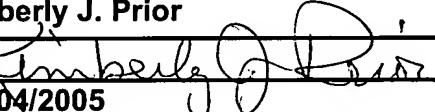
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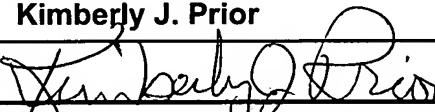
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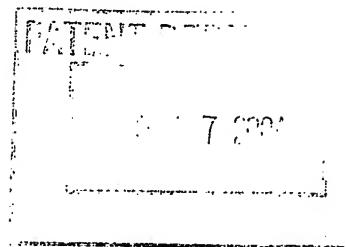
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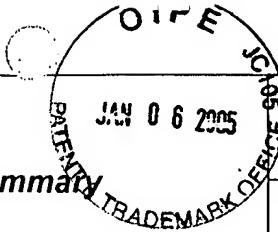
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- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on \_\_\_\_.
- 2a) This action is FINAL.                    2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) Claim(s) 1-11 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-8 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) 9-11 is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
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- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) All    b) Some \* c) None of:
    1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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**Attachment(s)**

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
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### DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-11 are pending in the application.

#### *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112*

2. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

3. Claim 2 recites the limitation "method" in claim 1. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.
4. Claims 3-7 recite the limitation "composition" in claim 2. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

#### *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102*

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

5. Claims 1 and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Fisher ( U.S. Patent 3,701,780, cited on applicants form 1449 ).

Fisher discloses Imidazopyridines having anthelmintic and fungicidal activity and pharmaceutical compositions containing these compounds. The pharmaceutical compositions containing exemplified compounds of examples 3, 7 and 8 disclosed by Fisher anticipate the instant claims when A represents a heteroaryl group in the instant compounds of formula I.

6. Claims 1-4 and 6-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Andreani ( Eur. J. Med. Chem., cited on applicants form 1449 ).

Andreani discloses cardiotonic activity ( pharmaceutical utility ) of aryl- or pyridyl-substituted fused imidazoles. The compounds 3a, 3b and 3c ( see page 339 and table

111 on page 342 ) disclosed by Andreani anticipate the instant claims when A represents phenyl or heteroaryl group in the instant compounds of formula I.

7. Claims 1-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Inoue ( JP 11-116481, cited on applicants form 1449 ).

Inoue discloses pharmaceutical utility of Imidazolepyridine derivatives for treating autoimmune, viral and bacterial diseases. The compounds disclosed on pages 9-12 by Inoue anticipate the instant claims when A represents aryl group in the instant compounds of formula I.

8. Claims 1-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Raj ( IN 179790 ).

Raj discloses novel 2-substituted imidazopyridines and their pharmaceutical utility for having antifertility activity. The compounds disclosed in examples 3 and 4 ( see pages 4 and 5 ) anticipate the instant claims when A represents aryl group in the instant compounds of formula I.

9. Claims 1-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Raj ( IN 179788 ).

Raj discloses novel 2-substituted imidazopyridines and their pharmaceutical utility for having antifertility activity. The compounds disclosed in examples 1-4 ( see pages 4-6 ) anticipate the instant claims when A represents aryl group in the instant compounds of formula I.

***Allowable Subject Matter***

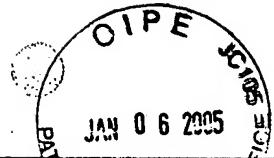
10. Claims 9-11 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

11. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Charanjit S. Aulakh whose telephone number is (571)272-0678. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday, 8:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Cecilia Tsang can be reached on (571)272-0562. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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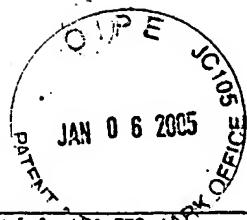
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